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FOR IG WEBSTER S. TODD, JR. FROM AMBASSADOR

1. AS IT NOW STANDS, PERIOD NOVEMBER 13 TO 20 WILL SEE FOLLOWING GROUPS IN CAIRO OF WHOM HAVE TO BE SERVICED BY SMALL EMBASSY STAFF (A) CODEL WILSON (B) GAO GROUP (C) FBO SURVEY TEAM, NOT TO MENTION SPATE OF PRIVATE AMERICAN BUSINESSMEN. THIS FRANKLY MEANS WE ARE NOT GOING TO BE ABLE TO GIVE YOUR PEOPLE MUCH TIME, BUT I HAVE NO OBJECTION TO THEIR COMING IF WE CAN FIND HOTEL ACCOMMODATIONS FOR THEM

2. I ASSUME YOU ARE AWARE THAT, APART FROM A RECENTLY BEGUN TOBACCO AND WHEAT PL-480 PROGRAM (NONE OF IT YET HERE), USN SUEZ CANAL/MINE/ORDNANCE/SALVAGE CLEARANCE EFFORT, AND A SMALL SFCP SCIENTIFIC RESEARCH PROGRAM, WE HAVE AS YET NO RPT NO ECONOMIC OR MAP FAA PROGRAMS HERE. THIS IS A SORE POINT WITH THE EGYPTIANS WHO HAD HOPED FOR ECONOMIC HELP. MUCH TOUTED \$250 MILLION AID PROGRAM FOR EGYPT HAS YET TO BE APPROPRIATED AND NO ONE SEEMS TO KNOW IF OR WHEN REQUISITE LEGISLATION WILL BE ENACTED. WE HAVE, OF COURSE, HAD NUMEROUS

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DISCUSSIONS WITH EGYPTIANS ON HOW THESE FUNDS MIGHT

MOST PRODUCTIVELY BE SPENT, BUT TO DATE ALL OF THIS
IS IN THE REALM OF PIOUS HOPE RATHER THAN HARD CASH.
CONTRIBUTION TO MRS. SADAT'S CHARITY HANDLED IN WASHINGTON.

3. RE PARA 3 REFTTEL, WE WILL ARRANGE MEETING WITH
LOCAL CRS REPRESENTATIVE TO DISCUSS SMALL TITLE II
PROGRAM WE HAVE WITH THAT AGENCY. CARE HAS ALSO
RECENTLY RETURNED TO EGYPT, BUT ITS ACTIVITIES ARE
HAVING TROUBLE GETTING OFF THE GROUND.

4. THUS, WHILE I AM HAPPY TO HAVE YOUR PEOPLE, I
WONDER WHETHER OUR TINY PROGRAM IN EGYPT WARRANTS A
WEEK OF FULL-TIME WORK BY TWO INSPECTORS. WOULD
YOUR PEOPLE PERHAPS ALSO WANT TO TALK WITH UNDP,
UNICEF AND/OR UNESCO OFFICIALS? NONE ARE AMERICANS,
BUT WE COULD ARRANGE SUCH MEETINGS IF DESIRED.
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